

In re MARCHISSEAU, et al.
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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

---Please amend the specification at page 13, lines 9-15 as follows:

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In addition, the upper face 80 of the balance 64 is provided with positioning pins 82 which cooperate with [centring] centering holes 84 formed through the base plate 66, so that the latter will not rub frictionally on guides 86 that extend through it. These guides 86 guide the vertical movement of the base plate. This arrangement improves the precision with which the weighing operation is carried out.

---Please amend the specification at page 13, lines 19-25 as follows:

A²
The adhesive application step consists initially in maneuvering the jacks 78 in such a way that they raise the base plate 66. The latter is guided in translation by the guides [86] 88 which are also arranged to stop it at the end of its vertical travel. In this connection, the upper end of each guide 86 is in the form of an inverted convex cone 86 which is in cooperation with a complementary concave conical aperture 90 formed through the base plate 66.

---Please amend the specification at page 18, line 23 to page 19, line 5 as follows.

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In another version, the fastening method includes a step in which the quality of the deposition of adhesive is controlled. In this step, the position of the adhesion zone 44, and the distribution of adhesive in this zone, are verified. For this purpose, the fastening apparatus 60 may for example include a suitable optical system OS, ~~not shown~~. The differences in optical behaviour between the adhesive and steel are such that an optical system can easily differentiate the zones which are covered with adhesive from those which are not. Thus, the optical system enables the positioning of an adhesion zone 44 to be determined with precision by processing the signal that it supplies, such as a count of the pixels in an image.